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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2014-0022]

Discontinuing Export Certificates for Food Products That Contain Egg Products as an Ingredient

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing that it will no longer issue export certificates for Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-regulated prepared or manufactured food products that contain egg products as an ingredient because the Agricultural Marketing Service has instituted a program to provide this service. FSIS will discontinue issuing certificates on [INSERT 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION].

ADDRESSES: FSIS invites interested persons to submit comments on this notice. Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: This Web site provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on this Web page or attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Follow the on-line instructions at that site for submitting comments.

- Mail, including CD-ROMs, etc.: Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Docket Clerk, Patriots Plaza 3, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Mailstop 3782, Room 8-163A, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

- Hand- or courier-delivered submittals: Deliver to Patriots Plaza 3, 355 E Street SW., Room 8-163A, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

Instructions: All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS-2014-0022. Comments received in response to this docket will be made available for public inspection and posted without change, including any personal information, to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Docket: For access to background documents or comments received, go to the FSIS Docket Room at Patriots Plaza 3, 355 E Street, SW., Room 8-163A, Washington, DC 20250-3700, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

DATES: Submit comments on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rita Kishore, Deputy Director, Import/Export Coordination and Policy Development Staff, Office of Policy and Program Development, Food Safety and Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture; Phone: (202) 720-0082; Fax: (202) 720-7990.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On April 3, 2013, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) announced the establishment of the Processed Egg and Egg Products Export Program. Established under the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621 et seq.), the new program¹ facilitates the export of FDA-regulated prepared or manufactured food products containing eggs or egg products. Under the new program, AMS certifies a wide range of foods, including cooked omelets, frozen egg patties, crepes, hard boiled eggs, mayonnaise, and foods containing egg extracts. AMS performs onsite verification of public health certification statements and issues export certificates on a fee-for-service basis as part of the program.

While FDA regulates the safe production, sanitary processing, and labeling of food products containing egg products (Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act) (21 U.S.C.

¹ [USDA Announces Program to Facilitate the Export of Further Processed Eggs and Egg Products](#)

301-399(d))), FSIS has been issuing export certificates of wholesomeness for prepared or manufactured food products that contain egg products as an ingredient since it assumed responsibility for conducting the Federal egg products inspection program from AMS on May 28, 1995.² However, because AMS has now instituted an export certification program of its own, to avoid overlap and confusion, FSIS will discontinue issuing export certificates for prepared or manufactured food products containing egg products. FSIS will stop certifying these products for export on [INSERT 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

FSIS will also update the FSIS Export Library on [INSERT 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] to show this change in the export certification process. Exporters should contact AMS for assistance. Additional information can be found on AMS's website at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/PYEggExport> and <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/PYEggExportProcessedEgg>.

Additional Public Notification

FSIS will announce this notice online through the FSIS Web page located at

² Federal Crop Insurance Reform and Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994, Pub. L. 103-354, Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3178.

<http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/regulations/federal-register>.

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Director, Office of Adjudication
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